

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Status of Claims:

Claims 64-66 are currently being canceled.

Claims 61-63 are currently being amended.

No claims are currently being added.

This amendment amends and cancels claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claims remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-63 are now pending in this application.

Indication of Allowable Subject Matter:

Applicant appreciate the indication in the Office Action that claims 1-60 are allowed, as well as the fact that claims 61-66 are not rejected over any art of record.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. Section 112, First Paragraph:

In the Office Action, claims 61-66 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement, for the reasons set forth on pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action. This rejection is traversed with respect to presently pending claims 61-63, for at least the reasons given below.

Claims 61-63 have been amended to specifically recite features described on pages 21 and 22 of the specification. In particular, with respect to Figure 3 of the drawings, the claimed receiving means may correspond, for example, to the path 1000 by which the coded input signal is provided to the video decoding apparatus. The claimed determining means may correspond, for example, to error detection section 101 and packet partitioning section 102, whereby the address signals indicative of error coded block data units are provided on line 1004 to the first invalid block judgment section 104. Further, the claimed decoding means may correspond, for example, to block data decoding section 106. Also, the claimed storing means may correspond, for example, to frame memory 107. Still further, the claimed

judging means may correspond, for example, to the first invalid block judgment section 104. Lastly, the claimed error concealing means may correspond, for example, to the first invalid block concealment section 105.

Accordingly, presently pending claims 61-63 are fully supported by the written description in the specification, and it is respectfully requested that the 35 U.S.C. Section 112, first paragraph rejection of presently pending claims 61-63 be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Conclusion:

Since all of the issues raised in the Office Action have been addressed in this Amendment and Reply, Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and an early indication of allowance is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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